

**3944. Adulteration of coffee. U. S. v. 10 Sacks of Roasted Coffee \* \* \*. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product ordered released on bond. (F. & D. No. 5627. I. S. No. 8021-h. S. No. E-8.)**

On March 13, 1914, the United States attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 10 sacks, each of which purported to contain 50 pounds of roasted coffee, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Winston-Salem, N. C., alleging that the product had been shipped on or about February 2, 1914, and transported from the State of New York into the State of North Carolina, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The product was labeled in part: "XXX-Taylor Gro. Co., Winston-Salem, N. C." "Roasted Coffee—Coated with Dextrin."

It was alleged in the libel that the sacks contained roasted coffee containing quakers or light beans and black beans and treated in such manner as to conceal inferiority, and which rendered such roasted coffee unfit for food and which was adulterated thereby.

On December 11, 1914, the Brazil Syndicate R. & B. Co., Inc., New York, N. Y., claimant, having admitted the allegations in the libel, and having consented to a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be restored to said claimant upon payment of the costs of the proceedings and the execution of bond in the sum of \$200, in conformity with section 10 of the act.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

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**3945. Adulteration of so-called cottonseed meal. U. S. v. J. Lindsay Wells (J. Lindsay Wells Commission Co.). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$100 and costs. (F. & D. No. 5637. I. S. No. 27822-e.)**

On August 17, 1914, the United States attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against J. Lindsay Wells, trading under the firm name and style of J. Lindsay Wells Commission Co., Memphis, Tenn., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about January 4, 1913, from the State of Tennessee into the State of Indiana, of a quantity of so-called Sun Brand cottonseed meal, guaranteed to contain 41 to 45 per cent protein, which was adulterated.

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Moisture (per cent).....	9.37
Ether extract (per cent).....	3.85
Protein (per cent).....	22.82
Crude fiber (per cent).....	25.46
Cottonseed hulls, by Fraps' method (per cent).....	43.93

Adulteration of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that it was invoiced and sold and represented to be a cottonseed meal, and a substance other than cottonseed meal, that is to say, a large quantity of cottonseed hulls, to wit, 43.93 per cent, had been mixed and packed with said article in such a manner as to reduce and lower and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and for the further reason that said article was invoiced, sold, and represented to be cottonseed meal, and a substance other than cottonseed meal, namely, cottonseed hulls, in the proportion of, to wit, 43.93 per cent had been substituted in part for the article.

On February 1, 1915, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$100 and costs.

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